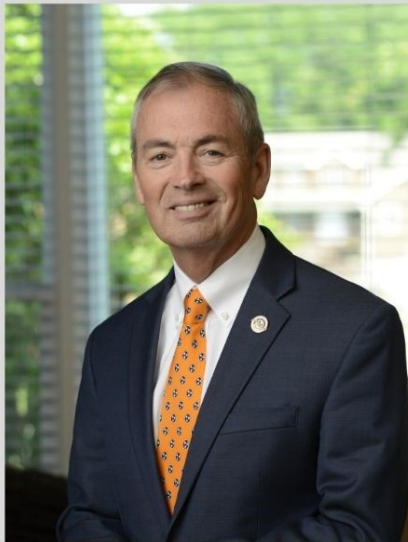




THE COUNTY CONNECTION

A Monthly Newsletter from Mayor Randall Hutto
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A Word from Mayor Hutto...

April is here, and with it comes the preparation for Easter Sunday! While we dye Easter eggs, choose our 'Sunday best', and cook a special Easter meal, it is important to remember that this is also a time to think about sacrifice. While we may have not made a sacrifice as significant as in the Book of Luke, we do make daily sacrifices for others. Our community is surrounded by countless individuals who have servant's hearts. Our first responders and emergency management personnel are the first to arrive when we call for help. They sacrifice their own safety and wellbeing to protect others in need. Our county employees work in local government because they want to serve our community. They often make sacrifices to ensure that our citizens are cared for with the best customer service possible. Furthermore, Wilson County is blessed with countless volunteers and volunteer organizations who are dedicated to serving others. Often sacrificing their own time and resources, these volunteers make significant sacrifices that often go unmentioned. With that said, this Easter season is a time to ponder the sacrifices of others—and of course—the greatest sacrifice of all. I wish you all a safe and Happy Easter with your loved ones!

"He is not here; he has risen!" - Luke 24:6-7

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randall Hutto".

Commissioner Spotlight: Terry Ashe District 12



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Wilson County LANDFILL

HOURS (April-September)

MONDAY-FRIDAY
7:00AM-3:00PM

ALL LOADS MUST BE
CHECKED INTO THE SCALE
HOUSE BY 2:30 P.M.

1st Saturday of the Month
8:00AM-NOON

FOR QUESTIONS
CALL 615.449.6684

Walk Across Wilson Kicks Off!

NOW — April 23, 2022

Walk 36 miles, the equivalent of walking across Wilson County, while improving your health, by simply walking or being active for 30 minutes per day, six days each week, over the course of four weeks.

School and community-based teams are encouraged to participate. Team members will log their minutes of activity online to track the team's participation throughout the event. School participants will earn \$5 for their school. Community team participants will earn \$5 for their team's local non-profit charity or school. To view program updates and registration information, and to log event activity, visit Facebook.com/walkacrosswilson.



Going the Extra Mile... **the Month of the Military Child**

The month of April is annually recognized as the Month of the Military Child, a time when our Nation pays tribute to the resilience of children in military families. While children of active duty, National Guard, Reserve and/or veterans did not make the choice to serve, they stand in unwavering support of their military parent(s). Thus, these children make daily sacrifices so their parents may protect our many freedoms. Through their sacrifices, these children serve too.

On March 21st prior to the County Commission meeting, Mayor Hutto spoke to children of local military families and presented them with certificates as a symbol of our appreciation. During the meeting, Mayor Hutto read a proclamation which recognized the Month of the Military Child. He and the County Commissioners signed the proclamation as their show of support and gratitude.

On April 15th, "Purple Up! Day" will be celebrated. Purple combines each branch's colors into one: the Air Force, Navy, and Coast Guard (shades of blue), the Army (green), and the Marines (red). Thus, purple references the joint environment of the military, embracing all branches, Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, and Veterans. Mayor Hutto invites all Wilson Countians to participate by wearing purple on April 15th as a show of support and appreciation to military children. As a further display of support, the lamp posts surrounding the Wilson County Courthouse will be lit in purple on the evenings of April 15th, 16th & 17th.

"Military children show us the true meaning of patience. Through moves and deployments, they wait and hope for a birthday or a Christmas when their entire family can be together. No matter the stressors, these children support their parents for keeping us safe. We are so thankful for our military families, and we are proud to recognize them during the month of April and every month." – Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor Thank you to all who serve!



Left photo, pictured (left to right): Ethan Porter, Zion Seay, Evan Porter, and Colton Mason



April 01
April Fool's Day

April 02
National Siblings Day

April 10
National Farm
Animals Day

April 15
Good Friday

April 17
Easter Sunday

April 27
Administrative
Professionals Day

**Month of the
Military Child**



Governor's Volunteer Stars Award Nominees

It's time to recognize some of the Wilson County's Governor's Volunteer Stars Award nominees. Wilson County's tradition has been to honor all the nominees and this year is no exception. In this edition, we will recognize **Ms. Cristiane Teal**, **Ms. Linda Spencer**, **Ms. Cathy Rhodes** and **Mr. Greg Butler** as 2021 GVSA nominees.

Cristiane Teal serves with the Lebanon Noon Rotary Club. Cris moved to Lebanon from London UK where she had a career as a fashion designer. The Rotary Club has many service projects, and Cris raises her hand whenever she becomes aware of a need. Rotary Club has a food booth at the Wilson County Fair, selling burgers and hot dogs to fairgoers during all hours the fair is open for 10 days. It always requires at least 6 volunteers, with varying shifts. In 2021 when scheduling was difficult and shifts were shorthanded, Cris worked early, stayed late, and worked multiple shifts in a row. For the Read to Succeed school book project, Cris helped sort hundreds of books and helped deliver them to several schools in Lebanon. The kids receive a book of their choice every month and is a huge project that couldn't work without volunteers. Rotary Club recognizes Cris as an example of how to make time in a busy schedule to help others. Her example also motivates others to volunteer. Cris volunteers actively with Compassionate Hands to provide meals to unhoused friends and she enjoys helping to cleanup afterwards. She makes quilts with her church group, and they donate the quilts to TN Oncology for patients receiving cancer treatment. She gives time to work at the Community Help Center, and to help SCAN, the Senior Citizens Awareness Network of Wilson County Sheriff's Office. Wilson County thrives because of volunteerism, and Cris exemplifies this through the many hours that she has devoted to helping children, seniors, unhoused friends, those with debilitating illness and our community in general. (Submitted by Ms. Susan Shaw)

Linda Spencer has been an asset to our community for many years. Linda loves her church, family, and her community. She owned a business on West Main Street for several years called Creative Balloons & Gifts. There she sold gifts and crafts. She decorated for prom for high schools all over the county. Later she went to work for the Chamber of Commerce. Linda was always promoting our community. She welcomed new people moving into our community, she helped organize fund raisers, she was in constant contact with the Chamber members. She was the heart of the Chamber of Commerce. When she left the Chamber, she went to work for United Way of Wilson County Upper Cumberland as the office manager. There she continued to work and help people. She worked closely with the director of the Community Help Center. Together they helped hundreds of people who were in need. She helped organize the United Way campaigns to raise funds for United Way. Linda could call any number of people she could count on to help when the need would arise. It was hard to say no to her because you knew if she was calling there was a person who was truly in need. (Submitted by Ms. Linda Bain)

"These organizations are a vital part of our county. I'm grateful that Wilson County has such wonderful volunteers who aid these groups. Thank you to these ladies and all our volunteers throughout the county." - Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor

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Curt Baker with WBT and County Mayor, Randall Hutto pictured with Cris Teal (left photo) and Linda Spencer (right photo)

Governor's Volunteer Stars Award Nominees

...continued from page 04... **Cathy Rhodes** serves on: Wilson Rides; Mt Juliet Chamber of Commerce as an Ambassador; Past President of the Lebanon High Band Boosters; Charis Health Center, Celebration Lutheran Church Council; President (2020-2021) of the MJ Noon Rotary Club, Arthritis Foundation of TN, Nashville Roller Derby and Habitat for Humanity. Cathy goes above and beyond daily and will pitch in when a driver is needed. In addition, she is helping to start our Ambassador Program to ensure that Wilson Rides can move forward with new volunteers and new financial support. Wilson Rides helps to preserve the quality of life and foster a connected community for older adults in Wilson County by providing safe transportation to local destinations. Volunteer Drivers will fill the gap in transportation services with this individual scheduled ride service in the county. Cathy is just getting started -we are excited to see where we end up with her leading our ambassadors. You can see the different things she gets involved in and I know from personal experience that she gives 100% to everything she does. I named where she spends her time, but she leaves a lasting impression on all the non-profits she loves. When served as the President of the Lebanon High Band Boosters, she helped with creating the "Second Chance Prom" as a fundraiser. She was instrumental in creating the "Cannonballs for Charis" fundraiser for Charis Health Center. She has created MANY successful and very creative fundraisers for Celebration Lutheran Church. For the MJ Noon Rotary Club, she coordinates the meals for the meetings every week as well as taking the lead on the "Read to Succeed" program for the club. In 2018, she helped Kim Orr to coordinate a fundraiser at the Capitol Theatre to benefit Camp Ache Away (a program for Juvenile Arthritis) and the Arthritis Foundation of TN. She helped the Nashville Roller Derby to create and coordinate a Virtual 10k skate as a fundraiser. Finally, she volunteered as an event photographer for several Habitat for Humanity fundraisers (Golf tournaments, Houses of Hope). (Submitted by Maggie Lea)

Greg Butler serves as a Board Member and Volunteer Driver for Wilson Rides Inc, a non-profit organization that provides rides to seniors who no longer drive or seldom drive to local destinations within Wilson County. According to Wilson Rides Board President and Owner of Home Instead Senior Care Services, Maggie Lea, "Greg was one of the first Board volunteers to become engaged with Wilson Rides with driving seniors and truly helping make it a success. He not only volunteered as a driver but has been KEY to ensure that we (The Board) are good stewards of the financial donations we have received for the past 2 years. Without his financial background, we would be behind the curve on getting Wilson Rides off the ground." Greg not only served as Secretary on the Wilson Rides Board, but he also became a Volunteer Driver just shortly after the organization gave its first ride in May of 2021. Between July and November of 2021, Greg has driven over 308 miles while taking (8) eight different riders to local destinations. One of Greg's finest accomplishments as a volunteer driver is driving a gentleman who is almost totally blind – helping him navigate the paying of his bills on time each month. Greg spent several years helping Wilson Rides Inc become a reality in April of 2020 and the hiring of its first Executive Director in February of 2021 while serving through one of the hardest times in Wilson County history, a global pandemic and a devastating tornado while also serving as the Board Chair of the Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce. According to Melanie Minter, current President & CEO of the Lebanon Wilson County Chamber of Commerce, "Simply put, Greg Butler is my mentor and hero. He upholds every principal of character, morality, and integrity. Wilson County is a better place because of his passion for our community through his many volunteer efforts. May God continue to bless him and his family." (Submitted by Gaye Lynn Wilson)

Congratulations to our nominees! Your service is greatly appreciated.

"Wilson Rides is one of our newest county projects designed to assist our senior population with transportation. It's an honor to be able to recognize our volunteers for this great cause. I look forward to the continued success of Wilson Rides and appreciate, so much, the folks who work every day to make it a success." – Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor



Curt Baker with WBT and County Mayor, Randall Hutto pictured with Cathy Rhodes (left photo) and Greg Butler (right photo)

Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame Announces Latest Inductees *submitted*



The 15th Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame Banquet will take place on April 5, 2022 in the Farm Bureau Expo Center at the Ward Agricultural Center in Lebanon with a reception at 6:00 pm and the actual banquet at 6:30 pm. Area FFA and 4-H Members will serve as ushers for the evening. The following individuals will be part of the 2022 class of inductees into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame: **JW McGuire, Johnny Mitchell, Rufus H. Riggan, Aubrey Towns, and Edna Towns Word.**

J W McGuire was born on May 20, 1949 in Whiteville, Tennessee to Mr. Sam and Mrs. Willie (Herron) McGuire, Sr. JW attended school in Hardeman County and graduated from Allen-White High School in 1967. After a two-year tour of army duty, he received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1978 with a major in Rural Development from Tennessee State University. In 1988, he continued his education at the University of Tennessee to receive his Masters Degree in Extension Education and Community Resource Development. In 1979, he married Toni Connor and moved to Wilson County to begin working for the University of Tennessee as an Assistant Extension Agent. Soon after being employed for the university, J W received a promotion to Associate Extension Agent and in 1994 was promoted to be an Extension Agent. Having lots of experience in Extension programming, his main areas of focus were Agriculture, 4-H and Community Resource Development. After the retirement of our County Extension Director in 2003, JW was named as our interim director and later became the County Director that same year. While working in Extension, JW organized the first Master Gardener class in Wilson County in the year 1994. Each August when the Wilson County Fair was in town, you would find him cooking at the 4-H Chicken Shack, as well as, serving as an advisor for the Adult Agriculture horticultural exhibits and the 4-H Poultry Show. JW retired in 2009 from the Extension Service with 30 years of service. After retirement, he started his own landscaping business. He is still very active in the community with his volunteer work.

John William Mitchell was born August 30, 1947 to Jerry Edward (J.E.) Mitchell and Elizabeth Lamb Mitchell. He married Debbie Doebler on June 27, 1982. Johnny attended school at Taylorsville, Highland Heights, and graduated from Lebanon High School. He was a member of the FFA and 4H and enjoyed showing cattle. Upon graduation he worked as a mechanic on foreign cars at dealerships in Nashville and farmed in the evenings and on weekends. He later became a mechanic at the Wilson Co. Road Commission until his disability/retirement. In October 1991 Johnny and 16 other men formed the Wilson Co. Antique Power Association, which is still an active Club that has an annual show in Fiddlers Grove and operates the sawmill during the Fair. Johnny became a member of the International Harvester Collectors Club in 1990. Johnny served as a director/officer of this Club from the years 2002-2010. In 1994, Johnny and Debbie and several delegates from Lebanon went to Pennsylvania to make a proposal to host the 1996 Red Power Round Up in Lebanon and were successful. The 1996 Round Up attracted 15,000 plus spectators from 48 states and 4 foreign countries. An estimated 600 plus tractors were on display. In 2005 the Red Power Round Up was held again in Lebanon which Johnny and Debbie were chairmen also. This event attracted thousands of spectators and exhibitors also. Debbie has donated several items in Johnny's memory to display in the Heritage Barn; one is Johnny's 1936 Farmall F-12. This steel wheel tractor was totally restored by Johnny and is a nice addition to many collectibles on display in this building.

Rufus H. Riggan was the only child of Rufe Elsie Riggan and Nancy Flowers Sullivan. He was educated in Wilson County, was on the basketball team at Mt. Juliet High School and graduated in 1937. He attended University of Tennessee where he graduated with a degree in Animal Science in 1942. While attending the University of Tennessee, he worked on a dairy farm, and met his future wife, Christine Waters. Christine was raised in the Shop Springs community of Wilson County. She also graduated from University of Tennessee in 1942 and went on to become a Home Demonstration agent in Spring Hill, TN. They married at the Bethel Church of Christ...*continued on next page...*

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...continued from page 06... in 1942. They purchased the Denny property in the Leeville Community of Wilson County. She then began to teach at Mt. Juliet High School while Rufus began dairy farming in 1951 selling Grade A milk in cans, milking in a stanchion Barn. Rufus continued milking and growing his business to 120 cows. He dispersed the milking herd in 1968 but continued to purchase and sell Holstein heifers. In the late eighties he continued with Charlois cattle that were known as "Registered Hickory Ridge Charlois". He was a County Commissioner (Magistrate) in the 60's and 70's. He helped start the parent-back club at Lebanon High School in 1964. He served on the Board of Wilson County Farm Bureau and was a member of the Mt. Olive Baptist Church.

Aubrey Towns was the oldest son of Daniel and Callie Towns. He attended Gladeville School, which was 1st grade through high school. He was a member of the Gladeville Baptist Church. After he married Ruth in 1927, he opened a barbershop in Gladeville. Their daughter, Edna, was born in 1933. At the beginning of World War II, he built a feed store on the corner of Gladeville Road and Stewarts Ferry. He would cut hair on weekends and worked at Vultee Aircraft Manufacturing during the weekdays during World War II. He joined the National Poland China Association in 1950 and the National Polled Hereford Association in 1952. He showed hogs and cattle during the early 1950's. He had a prize-winning Poland China sow in 1954. His passion grew for building his stock of Polled Hereford cattle. He began traveling around going to sales and selecting top breeding animals to build his herd. He wanted to be able to provide good breeding stock to local farmers in Wilson and surrounding counties. In the 1970's, he got his grandsons, Stanley & Stacey, involved in showing cattle through 4-H and FFA shows and fairs. His heifers and bulls shown at these events won several Champion prizes. He served as a county commissioner for 8 years in 1970's representing the Gladeville area. He served on the Tax Rate and Budget Committee during this time.

Edna Towns Word was born to Aubrey and Ruth (Swain) Towns in 1933. She attended Gladeville Elementary School as a youngster and graduated from Lebanon High School in 1950. She was part of the Lebanon High School Band. She attended Martin Methodist College (UT Southern) in Pulaski and graduated with Associate Degree in Business in 1953. She worked for Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers. While working for the Corp, she took interest in helping her sons get involved in 4-H and assisting them showing cattle for her father. As her sons Stanley and Stacey grew up, she got more involved with assisting in 4-H and Lebanon FFA activities. She helped as an Adult Leader of 4-H at Southside Elementary from 1976 to 1978. She has been on the Wilson County Farm Bureau Board since 2000 and chairperson of Women's Leadership Committee from 2003 till 2019. She was on the planning committee in the start up of Farm Days at the Wilson County Fairgrounds, which were first held in 2001. The event averages 300 to 400 second grade students and teachers from all over the county school system each of the 2 days. She is a member of the Gladeville United Methodist Church.

The organizers have established a non-profit status for the organization to enable them to raise money to be used for a building on the Ward Agricultural Center to be dedicated to the individuals inducted into the Agricultural Hall of Fame. "Any funds raised over and above the costs of putting on the annual banquet will be set aside for the building," states Diane Major, Treasurer of the Hall of Fame. Tickets for the April 5 banquet can be purchased from Diane Major by calling 444-1890 ext. 3.

The cost is \$20 each. Jordan's Catering will be preparing the meal that evening. "We want folks to come together to recognize these deserving individuals on April 5," says Harrison. "We owe these folks a great deal of gratitude for everything they have done for agriculture as well as Wilson County." For information, please visit www.wilsoncountyyaghalloffame.org.

Congratulations on your induction into the Wilson County Agricultural Hall of Fame! Agriculture is a cornerstone of our county, and we sincerely appreciate your many contributions to our community through your work. Thank you for bringing attention to Agriculture's prominent place here in Wilson County! - County Mayor Randall Hutto

Mayor Hutto Out and About



CITY OF LEBANON Easter Egg Hunt

SATURDAY, APRIL 16TH

10 AM - 12 PM
Bring your basket

Jimmy Floyd Center
511 N. Castle Heights Avenue

DON'T MISS OUT!

**A PRIZE EGG IN EACH AGE GROUP CONTAINING A
10-VISIT PASS TO THE JIMMY FLOYD CENTER**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

10:15	Egg Hunt for 0-23 month olds
10:30	Egg Hunt for 2-3 year olds
10:45	Egg Hunt for 4-6 year olds
11:00	Egg Hunt for 7-8 year olds
11:15	Egg Hunt for 9-10 year olds



Happy Administrative Professionals Day!

a message from Mayor Randall Hutto

On Administrative Assistants Day (April 27th), I would like to thank my incredible staff for their contributions to our office. Happy Administrative Professionals Day to my Executive Assistants, Sara Davenport and Brooke Driver, Administrative Assistant/Special Projects, Susan Shaw, and Administrative Assistant/ADA Coordinator, Christy Willey, as well as the millions of others around the country. We appreciate all that you do for your workplace!



Household Hazardous Waste Disposal

coming up in Rutherford Co.
on April 2nd
from 8am-NOON

Murfreesboro Solid Waste Dept.
4765 Florence Rd Murfreesboro, TN
615-898-7948

available to TN residents



RIDE THE WE GO STAR!

For the seventh year, Wilson County Mayor and RTA Chair Randall Hutto is partnering with WeGo Public Transit to transport runners and supporters to the St. Jude Rock 'n Roll Marathon. The train to the marathon is a collaborative effort between WeGo, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, and Wilson County. All ticket proceeds will benefit St. Jude. Famous Footwear is supporting the special event train as this year's corporate sponsor. William Drunsic, formerly of The Nashville & Eastern Railroad Corp., as well as the RJ Corman Railroad Co. will each donate an additional \$5 to Wilson Rides, Inc., a non-profit for Wilson County Senior needs for each ticket sold for the Nashville Rock 'n Roll Marathon train. Tickets cost \$15 and may be purchased with a credit card through TicketsNashville.com. Tickets will be on sale until 24 hours prior to departure or until tickets are sold out, whichever comes first. Children ages 4 and younger will not need a ticket to board; however, they are required to sit in a parent or guardian's lap. Anyone needing special accommodations to board are asked to contact WeGo Customer Care at 615-862-5950 prior to

their trip. The train will arrive at Riverfront Station at 6:00 a.m. The return train to Lebanon leaves Riverfront Station at noon. Please note, the return trip is subject to change if inclement weather causes a delay to the start of the marathon. Members of the public are encouraged to sign up for WeGo's newsletter, follow them on social media, and visit WeGoTransit.com to get updates on exciting initiatives, community events, updates, and general information.

Ride the WeGo Star to the ST. JUDE Rock'nRoll Nashville Marathon

April 23, 2022

TICKETS & RAIL STATION INFO

Masks & social distancing encouraged

Proceeds benefit St. Jude Children's Hospital & Wilson Rides, Inc.

Presented by **FAMOUS footwear**

WILSON RIDES

WeGo Public Transit

SPRING CLEAN UP



April 5 – April 15, 2022

City of Lebanon Public Works

2022 Spring Curbside Clean Up

THE INTENT OF THIS SERVICE IS FOR RESIDENTS TO DISCARD UNWANTED ITEMS AT THEIR RESIDENCE.

•Please place all small or loose items in trash bags and separate the following items: Wood, Metal, Other

•Refrigerator/Freezer: door and compressor must be

removed

•Volume: should not exceed a load of a standard pick-up truck

KEY ITEMS

•Vacant lots & empty houses will not be picked up

•Construction & Commercial waste will not be picked up

•Items brought from other addresses will not be picked up

•Tires & Hazardous Waste including chemicals, paint & wet batteries will not be picked up

•Mattresses, box springs, carpet & carpet padding will not be picked up

•One medium size bag of clothing will be accepted

Week 1 items should be placed out by 6am April 5.

Week 2 items should be placed out by 6am April 11.

City of Lebanon
Residents Spring Clean Up
CITY OF LEBANON STREET DEPARTMENT

Call with questions.
615.444.0825 ext5124 between 7:30am-4:00pm



*The City of Lebanon appreciates the partnership with the Wilson County Urban Type Public Facilities Board

HIRING EVENT

American Job Center TENNESSEE

JOBS4TN.GOV

Great Jobs and Giveaways!

Event Time

Monday, April 11, 2022
12pm-4pm

Location

Wilson County Fairgrounds
East/West Building
[945 East Baddour Pky.
Lebanon, TN 37087](https://www.wilsoncountytn.gov/945-East-Baddour-Pky-Lebanon-TN-37087)

For more information, email:
Sarah.buckles@tn.gov or
Antonio.v.scott@tn.gov
Keep up with us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/AJCMurfreesboro) for
updates on job postings, events,
tips!
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Employers

Amazon
American Wonder Porcelain
Carvana
CTDI
Leviton
Moldex
PFG Customized
Royal Canin
Trustpoint Hospital
United States Postal Service
Wilson County Auto
Yates/ Nissan
Zaxbys
and more...

American Job Center
Tennessee is not responsible for the participation of any advertised employers at our hiring and resource events.
We solicit that participants in good faith that they may attend but acknowledge that unexpected events occur, which may prevent their attendance.



The Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development is committed to principles of equal opportunity, equal access, and affirmative action. Auxiliary aids and services are available upon request to individuals with disabilities.

VANDERBILT LIFEFLIGHT MOVES AIRPLANE TO LEBANON MUNICIPAL AIRPORT *submitted*

Vanderbilt LifeFlight has moved its fixed wing air ambulance from the Nashville International Airport to the Lebanon Municipal Airport.

The move comes as Nashville International Airport continues to grow, and the Lebanon Municipal Airport will allow for crews to respond more quickly to emergency requests. It marks a homecoming of sorts, as LifeFlight had been a fixture at the Lebanon Airport from 2004 to 2020, having a helicopter (LifeFlight 1) based there. That aircraft was moved to Gallatin in 2020.

The Lebanon Municipal Airport was chosen for several reasons including Vanderbilt University Medical Center's commitment to a growing investment in Wilson County. Vanderbilt has a hospital there, a ground ambulance base and now its airplane base.

"We no longer have to wait in line for someone to pull our aircraft out of the hanger or refuel," said Keith Evans, MSN, Air Medical transport manager with Vanderbilt LifeFlight. "The Lebanon airport has ILS and GPS approach. And its proximity to Nashville, along with less traffic for getting in and out, made it the perfect spot."

The base has a staff of five pilots, two mechanics and 10 medical crew members. Staff are onsite 24/7, ready to respond to any request.

Vanderbilt LifeFlight started offering fixed wing (airplane) service in 2004 as a component of Vanderbilt's expanding comprehensive air and ground transport program. The airplane transports patients to destinations in the United States for elective or emergency flights.

The medically configured Pilatus PC-12 has a range of 1,742 miles, can cruise at altitudes of up to 30,000 feet and at speeds approaching 300 miles per hour. The PC-12 can take-off from, and land on, runways as short as 3,000 feet, making it an ideal aircraft for use in rural communities. The Pilatus PC-12 has an extra wide 53-inch cargo door for easy loading and unloading of medical equipment and patients, including bariatric patients.

The flight crew is trained to transport neonatal, pediatric and adult patients, as well as high risk obstetrics, multisystem trauma and burn patients, and organ transplant recipients. The program also performs repatriation flights. The aircraft is equipped with a multi-function ventilator, cardiac monitors, medical oxygen, compressed medical air, IV pumps and an array of medications.

Vanderbilt LifeFlight is operated by VUMC in partnership with Air Methods Corp., a global leader in air medical transport, which provides air operations. Medical and ground ambulance services are provided by VUMC.

Since 1984 Vanderbilt LifeFlight, accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Medical Trauma Systems (CAMTS), has flown more than 40,000 patients.



Veterans Advantage: Cycle Across Tennessee *submitted*

Veterans Advantage: Cycle Across Tennessee is a statewide bicycle ride that will raise awareness about the advantages of hiring veterans and the benefits they bring to the workplace. It will also highlight the state's American Job Center (A.J.C.) system and the job services veterans can find at more than 100 locations in Tennessee.

The ride will begin at the A.J.C. on Angelus Street in Memphis on April 4, 2022, and end at the A.J.C. in Kingsport on April 21, 2022. The cyclists will ride approximately 30 miles each day, starting and stopping their ride at an A.J.C. or a local chamber of commerce office. It is a nearly 500-mile journey across the state. At the start of each leg, the TN Dept. of Labor and Workforce Development will host a hiring event that will spotlight the veteran-focused services available at A.J.C., veteran-friendly employers, and the benefits of veterans living and working in Tennessee's rural communities.



Veterans Ride Across Tennessee

April 11th Nashville to Lebanon!
**Arriving at noon at the
Wilson County Fairgrounds
East/West & Veterans
Bldg.
945 East Baddour Pky
Lebanon, TN**

To Register to Ride:
<https://www.tn.gov/workforce/veterans-advantage-cycle.html>

AmericanJobCenter[®]
TENNESSEE

"Wilson County is blessed to be home to nearly 9,000 veterans, and we sincerely appreciate their service to our country, as well as all they bring to the workforce here in Wilson County. We wish all of the cyclists a safe ride as they begin their five-hundred mile journey. Thank you to the American Job Center and the riders for raising awareness of the many benefits that veterans bring to their workplaces and communities." - Randall Hutto, Wilson County Mayor

Meet the Mayor

the last Wednesday of every month

Mt. Juliet
Chamber of Commerce
9:00AM - 10:00AM

Watertown
The Depot Junction Cafe
11:00AM - 12:00PM

Lebanon
Chamber of Commerce
1:00PM - 2:00PM



COMMUNITY CLEAN UP DAY!



Day	Time	Meet
April 30	8:00am - 12:00pm	New Public Works Building 406 TN Blvd.

Interested in Participating?

Email your name, email address and phone number with the subject line "Let Lebanon Shine" to Debbie Jessen at debbiej@lebanontn.org or call 615.443.2839 ext. 2102. Stand by for more details!

Thank you for wanting to Let Lebanon Shine!

Wilson County Family Resource Center Drive-Thru Resource Fair



Where: 415 Harding Drive, Lebanon, TN. 37087

Board of Education Building

When: Saturday, April 2nd

9:00 am-12:00 Noon

